

**Human Rights Council  
18<sup>th</sup> session of the UPR Working Group  
Review of New Zealand  
27 January 2014  
Intervention by Ukraine**

**Mr. President,**

Ukraine welcomes the delegation of New Zealand and thanks for the presentation of the National report.

We commend efforts taken to implement the first UPR cycle recommendations, in particular the Government of New Zealand's endeavors aiming at further promotion and protection of human rights of children, strengthening ongoing constitutional review process and promoting productive engagement and dialogue between the Government and stakeholders.

We recommend to the Government of New Zealand:

- to continue efforts aimed at promoting rights of children, in particular in the spheres of education, elimination of child poverty, meeting needs of vulnerable and at-risk children;
- to incorporate economic, social and cultural rights in the Bill of Rights Act;
- to consider participation of the Parliament in a human rights commissioner's appointment process.

Recognizing crucial importance of prevention of human rights violations, we would also like to encourage the Government of New Zealand to reinforce efforts in combating trafficking in persons and to strengthen policy and practice to prevent sexual exploitation and abuse of migrants, in particular children.

**Thank you, Mr. President.**